

Vacancy Announcement

Physician Specialist - Tuberculosis Control Program

The Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health is seeking candidates to fill this vacancy in the Tuberculosis Control Program (TBCP). LAC is one of the largest local public health jurisdictions in the U.S. and manages one of the largest programs dedicated to tuberculosis (TB) control and prevention. The TBCP receives reports of persons suspected or known to have TB from over 100 hospitals and numerous private outpatient medical centers, and reports between 500 to 600 TB cases a year to the State. The TBCP is comprised of approximately 70 full time staff assigned to several units: Medical Consultation, Patient Services and Reporting, Contact Investigation and Outbreak, Genotype Cluster Identification and Assessment, Epidemiology and Research, Education and Evaluation, Data Management and Information Technology, and Administration. As the largest TB stakeholder in California, we work in close partnership with the California TB Control Branch and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and receive direct funding from the State of CA and the CDC.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Physician Specialist in TBCP serves as a consultant in all aspects of tuberculosis work in the Department of Public Health and provides expertise in: clinical medical consultation, case management, infection control, exposure and contact investigations, and issuance of Health Officer's legal orders, according to local, state, and national codes, regulations, and guidelines. The Physician Specialist also participates in quality assurance activities, development of policy and best practice guidelines, and education of health professionals and the public.

Note – this is not a bulletin for a Civil Service Examination

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Evaluates and approves or rejects the discharge care plan for hospitalized patients with TB or suspected TB.
- Reviews the evaluation and treatment plan for hospitalized patients with TB or suspected TB to ensure that the proposed management is consistent with established guidelines.
- Provides clinical consultation regarding TB disease with special emphasis on diagnosis of TB, management of TB drug intolerance, and TB drug resistance.
- Provides clinical consultation regarding the evaluation and treatment of latent TB infection.
- Evaluates and makes recommendations in TB contact investigations.
- Provides direct patient care at one the Department of Public Health, Community Health Services TB clinics.
- Assists in the evaluation of patients who do not adhere to therapy to determine when Health Officer's orders are necessary and assists in the issuance of such orders.
- Communicates with partner agencies, such as the California Microbial Diseases Laboratory and the CDC's reference laboratory, to coordinate specialized TB testing.
- Participates in program evaluation activities both internally within the TBCP as well as with critical partners such as Public Health Laboratory, Community Health Services, the California Tuberculosis Control Branch and CDC.
- Develops, updates, and/or revises guidelines and policies to improve TB control in Los Angeles County.
- Assists in the training and credentialing of new physicians in the field of TB.
- Creates and delivers lectures about all aspects of TB disease and TB infection to community health care providers as well as Public Health providers.



Requirements

- California State Physician and Surgeon's Certificate authorized by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California.
- A valid California Class C Driver License or ability to utilize an alternative method of transportation when needed to carry out job-related essential functions.

Desirable Qualifications

- Board certification in internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine, infectious diseases, or pulmonary medicine.
- Experience and passion working with homeless persons.
- Experience with program development, implementation, and evaluation.

For more information about these positions, please contact
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To apply

Submit a cover letter and resume to the address below AND fill out the physician specialist application at
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty/jobs/1216849/physician-specialist-non-megaflex-various-specialties>

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Note that the online application is for physicians filling various positions in the Department but does not include information specific to this position.

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